

IN THE CLAIMS

Please remove from examination and cancel, without prejudice, claims 23 - 36 and 46-55.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 13, 15, 16, and 21-56 were examined in the Final Office Action. Claims 37-45 and 56 were allowed, and claims 1-7, 13, 15, 16, 21-36, and 46-55 were rejected. Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed claims 37-45 and 56. In view of the following remarks and the canceled claims, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

Double Patenting

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 13, 15, 16, 21, and 22 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 5,956,431. The Examiner stated that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome a nonstatutory double patenting ground. Applicants are submitting herein a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Applicants also note that the present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 5,956,431.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 23, 24, 46-51, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Huang et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 5,748,904). Since

Applicants have requested non-prejudicial canceling of claims 23, 24, 46-51, and 55, the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection is moot.

35 U.S.C. 103 (a)

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 25-36 and 52-54 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Huang et al.* in view of *Normile et al.* (U.S. Patent 5,822,465). Since Applicants have requested non-prejudicial canceling of claims 25-36 and 52-54, the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection is moot.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants believe that the rejections in the Final Office Action of February 25, 2003 are fully overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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